

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Diane Rice, on January 11, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Diane Rice, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dave Gallik, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Ron Stoker, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Julie French (D)  
Rep. Rick Jore (C)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. John Ward (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Holly Raser (D)

**Staff Present:** David Niss, Legislative Branch  
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 54, HB 98, 1/5/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 54**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:01 Rep. Sue Dickenson (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 54, Program to promote responsible gambling.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:09 Sen. Tropila  
00:05:10 Donna Johnson, Montana Council on Problem Gamblers  
00:06:49 Bonnie Huestis, Therapist  
00:09:39 Rev. Brady Vardeman, Montana Association of Churches  
00:10:41 Rich Miller, Gaming Industry Association  
00:13:52 Gene Huntington, State of Montana, Department of Justice, Gaming Division

**EXHIBIT(juh07a01)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:22:03 Jerry Duran, Montana Lottery Commission

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:40 Rep. Kern  
00:25:03 Mr. Miller  
00:26:09 Rep. Koopman  
00:26:32 Mr. Miller  
00:32:48 Rep. Koopman  
00:33:37 Rev. Bardeman  
00:34:46 Rep. Koopman  
00:35:42 Rep. Dickenson  
00:39:48 Mr. Huntington  
00:42:16 Rep. Koopman  
00:45:45 Mr. Huntington  
00:49:24 Rep. McGillvray  
00:54:45 Mr. Miller  
01:09:12 Rep. McGillvray  
01:12:25 Mr. Huntington  
01:17:18 Rep. Kottel  
01:17:52 Mr. Huntington  
01:21:47 Rep. Kottel  
01:23:32 Mr. Huntington  
01:25:24 Rep. Everett  
01:25:42 Mr. Huntington  
01:25:49 Rep. Ward  
01:26:30 Mr. Huntington

01:26:36 Rep. Ward  
01:26:55 Rep. French  
01:27:39 Mr. Huntington  
01:28:24 Rep. Cordier  
01:29:07 Mr. Miller  
01:30:34 Rep. Peterson  
01:30:59 Mr. Huntington  
01:32:35 Rep. Ebinger  
01:33:08 Ms. Duran  
01:34:09 Rep. Ebinger

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:34:41 Rep. Dickenson  
  
01:34:45 Break  
01:49:50 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 98**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:49:52 Rep. Eve Franklin (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 98, Reduce out-of-home placements of children.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:58:37 Karen Olson-Billings, Department of Public and Human Health Services

[EXHIBIT\(juh07a02\)](#)

02:05:44 Jani McCall, Montana Children Initiative Network

[EXHIBIT\(juh07a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh07a04\)](#)

02:11:00 Bonnie Adey, Mental Health Ombudsman for State of Montana

02:15:34 Rep. Augare, HD 16

02:16:22 Natalie Barns, Board of Crime Control

02:17:21 Jannis Conselyea, Department of Public Health and Human Services

02:18:22 Bob Runkel, Office of Public Instruction-State of Montana

02:20:05 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Program

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:21:55 Rep. Ward  
02:23:16 Ms. Brenneman  
02:24:11 Rep. Everett  
02:24:28 Rep. Franklin  
02:27:59 Rep. Everett  
02:28:14 Rep. Stoker  
02:29:20 Rep. Franklin  
02:32:40 Rep. Peterson  
02:32:55 Rep. Franklin  
02:34:18 Rep. Peterson  
02:34:42 Rep. Franklin  
02:35:47 Rep. Peterson  
02:36:00 Rep. Franklin  
02:37:41 Rep. French  
02:38:40 Ms. Olson-Billings  
02:39:56 Rep. French  
02:40:29 Ms. Brenneman  
02:41:25 Rep. Jore  
02:41:39 Ms. McCall  
02:43:15 Rep. Rice  
02:43:21 Rep. Franklin  
02:43:34 Ms. Olson-Billings  
02:43:52 Rep. Rice  
02:43:59 Ms. Olson-Billings  
02:44:33 Rep. Rice  
02:44:38 Rep. Franklin  
02:45:28 Rep. Jore  
02:45:37 Ms. McCall

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:46:09 Rep. Franklin

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:47 A.M.

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REP. DIANE RICE, Chairman

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PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([juh07aad.pdf](#))**